

# **Moscow Mills, Mo.**

## **Snow Removal Policies**

The City of Moscow Mills plows the snow off of our City Streets. Most streets are 26 feet wide. The road Right-of-Way is usually 50 feet wide. This leaves approximately 12 feet from the curb on both sides of the road that does not belong to the homeowner. It is the homeowner's responsibility to clear the snow from that footage alongside the road. This is a practice that all cities across the state employ and Moscow Mills is no exception. Part of the joys of homeownership is keeping their individual driveway maintained at the homeowner's expense. The deposits from the end of the plow will re-deposit snow back to the end of the driveway. Keep in mind this is the 12 feet of road Right-of-Way that is being recoated.

The procedures utilized to plow snow in the City are dictated by utilizing Best Practices. These are practices which are used across the state. The blades on the snow plows are 8 feet wide. In a double pass, once up and once down, you are getting a 16 feet lane cleared on the first pass. Best Practices tell us to make this first pass all across the City before extending that lane width. Once the streets are clear and snow ceases the crews can then begin to widen the cleared paths. By the time the second and third passes occur most residents have cleared their driveways. This leads to an unfortunate experience where snow is re-deposited and the homeowner must re-shovel the end of their driveways. The second and third passes of snow removal result in snow re-deposited on the 12 feet of the road Right-of-Way including the end of your driveway. The City is not responsible for snow that comes off the end of the snow blade. Nor is it responsible for keeping your Mail Box clear for mail delivery. The crews work very hard through the night and day to keep the roads open for you and emergency responders. The Officers and Elected Officials are also out scouring the City during the storms for problems to be corrected. The City can only go so far with the resources at hand. Remember if you are demanding a resource from the City everyone should be entitled to this same service and those services cost. Will the public be willing to pay additional taxes for the service you are requesting ?

You can contact the Mayor if you have concerns and leave a message and he will get back to you. If he's unavailable it's probably because he's out shoveling the end of his driveway for the third time.

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